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Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims will replace the prior version, and listing, of claims in the application:

Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): ~~Compositions containing~~ A composition comprising
~~Glabridin or a licorice extract that contains~~ a minimum of ~~4-90% of~~ 40% glabridin[[,]]. ~~as~~
~~metalloprotease inhibiting component in cosmetic topical or oral formulations~~

Claim 2 (currently amended): ~~Cosmetic composition incorporating licorice extract~~
~~containing 4% to 90% Glabridin useful in anti-wrinkle and anti-aging products.~~ Use of a
therapeutically effective amount of the composition of claim 1 in modulating the activity
of matrix metalloproteases and hyaluronidase in an individual in need of such modulation .

Claim 3 (currently amended): ~~Composition incorporating licorice extract containing~~
~~minimum of 4% of Glabridin useful in providing~~ Use of the composition of claim 1 in
modulating skin elasticity, firmness, tone and texture in an individual in need of such
modulation by application of the composition of claim 1 to at least a portion of the skin.

Claim 4: (canceled)

Claim 5 (canceled)

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Claim 6: (canceled)

Claim 7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (currently amended): A method of treating ~~Composition containing licorice extract with minimum of 4% Glabridin useful orally, in maintaining and alleviating conditions of arthritis, joint immobility, osteoarthritis and conditions manifested due to increased activity of elastase, collagenase and hyaluronidase enzymes in an individual in need thereof by orally administering a therapeutically effective amount of the composition of claim 1.~~

Claim 9 (currently amended) Use of the [[C]]composition ~~containing licorice extract with minimum of 4% Glabridin can be used in concentrations of 0.01-10%, preferably in concentrations of 0.1-2% depending on the purity of the extract of Claim 1 in oral and topical formulations.~~

Claim 10 (currently amended) ~~Composition containing licorice extract with minimum of 4% Glabridin for use alone or in combination with other plant extract or chemicals or minerals or natural products, including but not limited to~~ The formulations in Claim 9 include solutions, lotions, creams, powders, drops, sprays as w/o or o/w emulsions, tablets, capsules, soft gelatins, spansules, effervescent preparations among others.